

*U.S. National Application corresponding to
International Application no. PCT/JP2004/015026
Preliminary Amendment dated June 26, 2006*

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 120, the present application is amended "to contain a specific reference to the earlier filed application," or as in this case -- applications. In addition, the foreign priority application has been incorporated by reference as suggested by MPEP 201.13(a) II. G.

The claims have been rewritten to conform multiply dependent claims to the requirements of the United States patent laws and regulations. Other minor rewrites were also made. The changes from the International Application are purely ministerial and are not meant to affect the scope of the claims as filed. Neither are the amendments made in response to any prior art relevant to the present invention.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or suggested Examiner's amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3195.

Respectfully submitted,

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